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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c) (2)

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Sir:

Applicant petitions to withdraw the captioned application from issue for consideration of a reference cited in an Office Action issued March 7, 2006 in the corresponding Japanese application; the issue fee was paid in this case February 22, 2006, making it impossible to have submitted the document for consideration by the USPTO prior to payment of the issue fee.

Enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement listing the reference of interest and a partial translation thereof.

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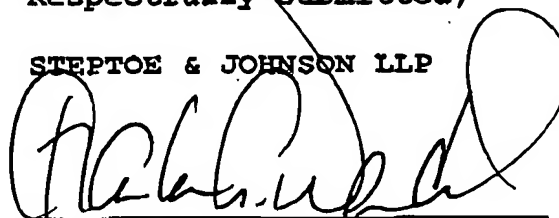
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Prompt consideration of the matter is earnestly solicited.

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